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Six-Word-Memoir

Rain can pour everyday but today.

This memoir exemplifies who I am now in both literal and figurative ways. Literally, I enjoy listening to and watching the rain, and I look forward to gray skies and heavy clouds. Lately however, there have been many events in my schedule where rain is just an unwanted delay. For example, my family is currently moving houses, and every day we choose to move another set of furniture or boxes there happens to be rain. As much as I adore and long for rain, I can’t help but try to wish it away on days like this. Figuratively speaking, my favorite activities are what most people tend to reserve for rainy days. Sometimes I can’t wait to curl up with a blanket and read a book or watch a movie. I don’t mind having a mellow, laid back attitude. On the other hand, there has been no time recently to kick back and relax with all daily happenings going on in my world. I have to keep my energy and personality going all day, much like that of the sunshine. I had to rearrange the words in my memoir several times before I came across diction that was suitable. I chose to say “rain” instead of downpour, drizzle, sprinkle, etc. because I feel “rain” is a very generic, simple, and average term. I didn’t want the diction to come across as overpowering like that of “downpour”, but I also didn’t want the diction to be light and fluffy like that of “sprinkle.” I used the word “pour” instead of fall, flow, flood, etc. because I wanted the diction to mean steady and constant. I decided on the word “everyday” because the diction comes across as meaning constant and never ending. Lastly, I felt the word “today” added the most contrast to the word “everyday,” which is why I put those two terms together.